

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 415

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A RESOLUTION congratulating the administrators and workforce of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., upon its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should salute those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), is one such exemplary institution that will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 20, 2007; and

WHEREAS, NFS is a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licensed owner/operator of major nuclear processes; during its existence, NFS has acquired a broad range of skills and experience, which it now uses to provide advanced products, technical services, and processing systems to both government and commercial clients; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Erwin, NFS has played an important role in America's defense by serving as the primary manufacturer of highly enriched uranium (HEU) fuel materials for the United States Navy's nuclear fleet; and

WHEREAS, founded by business pioneers T.C. Runion, Charlie Taylor, Stan Reese, and Ed Johnson, NFS manufactured fuel for America's first commercial nuclear reactor in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the company also pioneered and is today responsible for the conversion of Cold War stockpiles of HEU into fuel for the Tennessee Valley Authority's power reactors; this internationally-recognized project provides low-cost electricity to Tennessee homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, among the innumerable companies NFS has served are 3M, the United States Department of Energy (DOE), General Electric, General Motors, and Lockheed Martin, in addition to many prestigious universities; and

WHEREAS, employees of NFS are also involved in numerous off-site projects; teaming with Fluor at DOE's Fernald Environmental Management Project, NFS provides health and safety, remediation, waste handling, and site services support; and

WHEREAS, NFS supports the commercial nuclear industry with a project team located at a major fuel fabricator's site in support of environmental restoration and waste-handling activities; other off-site projects have included the remediation and closing of multiple contaminated burial sites at university locations and support of operational and remediation projects at DOE sites; and

WHEREAS, today, NFS is at work on new fuels for America's next generation of commercial reactors to meet the nation's growing demand for clean, economical electricity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the administrators and workforce of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., congratulate them upon the company's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.